

Subject: RE: McCain Campaign Responds to Airbus Ad
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Hi Kathy, I think this should help you:

McCain Wrote The Law That Allows Defense Contracts To Be Awarded To Foreign Companies.

In 2004, McCain proposed and voted for an amendment to allow the Secretary of Defense to waive the application of any domestic source requirements with respect to items that are grown, reprocessed, reused, produced or manufactured in seven foreign countries that have a "declaration of principles" with the United States. The amendment passed 54-46. [S 2400, Vote #135, 6/22/04]

http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=108&session=2&

Let me know if you need anything further.
Anne

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From: Kathy Gill [<mailto:uspolitics.guide@about.com>]
Sent: Sat 3/22/2008 6:01 PM
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Hi, Anne:

What is the PL number or Bill No of the law that McCain is supposed to have written in 2004 that allows foreign firms to get defense contracts, per your ad? I've searched Thomas and can't find anything.

Kathy

Hi Kathy, I thought you would be interested in the reaction from the McCain campaign to the web ad Campaign for America's Future released yesterday attacking McCain's advocacy for a defense contract granted to Airbus. You can see the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5R2ss--tJ0A>.

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US AD BASHES MCCAIN AS 'HERO OF FRANCE

WASHINGTON, March 21 2008 -- A US liberal group Friday released an advertisement that rails on Republican White House nominee John McCain for backing a US Air Force decision to award a huge contract to Europe's Airbus.

"A message of thanks to John McCain from the French people," says the video ad, which is in French with English subtitles and was issued by the Campaign for America's Future, a self-described "progressive" think tank.

"John McCain, hero of France," reads a banner on the Arc de Triomphe in the opening scene, and later McCain is depicted as wearing a beret and a curly mustache. "Thanks for helping the US military choose a French company, Airbus. Tens of thousands of jobs for the French and thousands fewer for Americans, ha, ha, ha!" it says.

"It's a great day for France. Long live John McCain and long live France."

The ad was issued the same day as a meeting between McCain and French President Nicolas Sarkozy in Paris. McCain has been criticized by Democratic lawmakers for backing a legislative change in 2004 that allowed the deal to take place, and the liberal group cited press reports that said his aides had lobbied for EADS to win the deal.

But McCain's campaign shot back that the Arizona senator had led an anti-corruption investigation that helped rein in a multi-billion-dollar defense procurement scandal involving Boeing and the Pentagon, action which had nothing to do with Airbus.

"All he was looking for was a fair and open process. He didn't care who won," McCain campaign spokesman Brian Rogers told AFP. "Senator McCain only wanted a fair competition that got the best weapons system at the best price for the taxpayers."

On February 29, the contract to build up to 179 military refueling planes was awarded to Northrop Grumman Corporation and Airbus's parent company the European Aeronautic Defense and Space Company (EADS), Boeing's arch-rival in commercial aircraft.

It was a stunning upset for Boeing, until now the sole supplier of air refueling planes to the US military. Boeing earlier this month officially challenged the decision, a move that temporarily freezes the estimated 35-billion-dollar contract.

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